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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

AT&T is the 600 pond gorilla in the room. Without competition, there is no incentive to provide better service at competitive rates. It's a monopoly. Like the Oil industry. No competition = higher rates to consumers. Worse, is when government gets involved to ADD more regulations, and more TAXES to each monthly bill, thereby further making rates unaffordable to consumers. My phone and internet bills have so very many line items added to my "base" cost....it's outrageous.

I chose to go with my "local" internet service provider for my phone and internet connection at both my home and office as, approx 10 years ago, ATT was charging me almost 2x what my Local provider was offering AND at a faster speed. My Land-line phone was "included" in my cost. This was a much better rate.

I am hoping that my ISP (SONIC.NET) will bring fiber optic connections to our town soon so as to Speed-up the internet connections and help expedite productivity, learning, and educational opportunities FOR EVERYONE, on ONE platform, No division/separation between the have/have-nots or the 1%ers that are trying to escalate the economic disparity we are suffering in this country.

Keep the internet playing field OPEN and Accessible to ALL, equally, and not a Classist system benefitting the wealthy.

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